PERSONAL NOTES

-Edgar Smith went to Fort Smith Monday

came down from Miami this week where he

-Miss Emma Ross, after a visit of several family, returned to her home at Fort

-Mr. and Mrs. Milford and daughter went to Chetopa Tuesday to attend the marriage of the lady's cousin. Dr. George Boon, and -James Alfrey and family, of Siloan

Springs, will make Vinita their future home Mr. Alfrey owns a farm on Rock creek, near Adair, but will buy or build a home in the -O. H. Haworth and family moved this

allotment is made will take their share -Rev. R. J. Lumb, after preaching a week home at McAlester last Saturday morning.

On account of the inclemency of the weather the meeting were discontinued Good poker game going on.

Potatoes 90 cents at Gray's.

Fine lot of soft maple trees at the Go to Gray's for bargains in dress

goods.

The wells and cisterns are nearly

Bargains; hargains; in dress goods at Grav's. Farm for sale; enquire of J. T

Brackett.

Apple trees in large or small quanies at the nursery. Wanted, a few day boarders. Jake

Walters, beside Dr. Bagby. Come in and examine my "bargain

counter" in dress goods. J. C. Gray The wife of John Johnson, at Hayden, died Monday with consumption. George Nidiffer is losing hogs at his feed yards, north of town, with

J. M. Jeans & Sons will pay the highest price for turkeys. Get them in quick.

Hang on to your dollars till you see my "bargain counter" of dress goods. J. C. GRAY.

Sieve Hill, the barber, has gone to Hot Springs to try the virtue of the water, for his health.

Big Treske was the man who first made the place adjoining this city now known as the Strout place.

J. T. Gunter sold eight horses out of his stable last Saturday to the horse and mule buyer for \$46 a head. Will trade the stallion, Tim McMahon, trotting record of 2:37, for driving stock. J. T. Gunter, at livery

Rev. Andrew Hunter, of Little Rock, will preach for Brother Butler at the Methodist church next Sabbath

I. B. Hitchcock was lucky enough to draw a handsome gold watch as a prize for unraveling a puzzle in a newspaper the other day.

gee Monday night, being threatened with an attack of pneumonia.

having gene to Kansas City to buy a stock of drugs to open at Afton.

S. S. Cobb, Jr., of Wagoner, sold his and they will take charge next week.

Vidette, with Col. J. M. Bell, editor.

following Monday night.

over in the saloon across the street from this office Tuesday evening by locking one of them up in the jail to cool off.

It's the "proper caper" to get a first class hair cut or shave at McPherson's shop, located between Jumbo and Badgett's stores. Sure, Mc has gone to running a barber shop right, which means success on top of success.

Sixteen convicts tunneled out of the Cherokee national prison at Tablequah one night last week while High Sheriff Duncan was off on a camp hunt. Some very desperate characters were among those who escaped.

As a bit of current history of the town of Vinita, it may be safely stated that the streets are very muddy at this present time. In fact, the mud is so deep as to render them almost impassable, "Danger" and "Boats for Rent" signs have been displayed for a week.

NE DULL SUMMER DAY a dozen years ago two young clerks were set at the to them distasteful task of laying a stone sidewalk. 'Twas the turning point in their lives for they gave up their situations and opened up a store in a neighboring town. Today each has a good store and one of them is presiassignment they might still be clerking in someone else's store, in Vinita. ing is the property of W. E. Halsell and was erected about four years ago.



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P. L. Soper's Residence.

torney, went to St. Louis Monday evening. the court a good portion of the day Mon--Dr Foreman returned Saturday morn-day. Riley was charged with selling a ing efrom a visit of some days at Kansas pint of whisky to Bill Matney at Hayden last spring, during the freedman payment. Matney testified to having purchased a pint of whiskey from defendant in a tent on the payment grounds, payweeks with her sister, Mrs. Badgett and ing therefor one dollar. Defendant and his witnesses, numbering four or five persons, swore that he did not sell Matney the whisky, and further that he did not have any whisky. The jury dis-

T THE BEGINNING of Judge Thomas' court here last week a funny thing happened, though to be fully appreciated one should know someweek to their farm near Tulsa. They have thing of the man at whose expense an just as good a farm as they want and when audible smile went round and round the court room until Jim Pettigrew was obliged to rap lustily with his knife handle upon the judge's bench to restore orhis client desired to enter a plea of guilty court suspended the payment of a \$25 nor asked for help. havior. Bill assured the court that it was a fact that he had really reformed Thomas' court one day this and was accordingly permitted to walk week that will probably have the out, a free man.

March he was missing from the house, Enquiry was made for some days, but none of the neighbors had seen him. Bye and bye an enquiry came from his knew of his condition believed that he was dead. His father came from the Kentucky home and joined in the search and offered a liberal reward for the finding of his son. After days and days of patient scouring of the prairies, and of careful hunting up and trees on Locust creek, just south of Ad Roach's place. Mr. Roach and some of his neighbors were riding through the brush along the bends of the creek and came upon the remains he had doubtless been dead for more than a week. The Masonic fraternity of Vinita, a member of which order der. The case on call was "United the father was, tenderly assisted the States against W. J. Matney," and the stricken parent in caring for the body charge was disturbing the peace, or riot, of his boy, who had drifted away from his home and died neglected and everyone around Vinita must know Bill Tittle was detailed by the fraternity Matney, and when his lawyer stood up to accompany the old man back to his and gravely announced to the court that home in Kentucky with his ghastly burden, and on his serrowful journey. the fun began, Bill's lawyer looked pale Mr. Tittle found the family to be and tired, but he said that his client had very excellent people indeed, and in been pretty tough, he knew, but that he good financial circumstances, and had recently married a wife, and had learned that the boy had drifted therefore reformed, and would promise away from home in an inordinate and to lead a quiet life henceforth, and he ill-advised desire to see life in the therefore prayed the leniency of the west on his own account. In all his Bird dog and a 12 guage gun for sale; court. To the great delight of Bill, the

effect of insuring better order in the



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W. H. Kornegay's New Home.

This handsome structure, situated on a beautiful lot in the northwest portion of town, is now nearing completion. The contract was executed by and the heading readily indicates S. M. Davison and he is also the builder of the M. E. church and parsonage, the Catholic school building, of recent additions to Mr. Milford's residence, all shown in these columns, and a number of good houses not shown here.

N THE EARLY spring of 1883 court room during the sessions of the

there came a young Kentuckian court. The court bailiffs have had a named Oliver Galoway into the Mar- great annoyance with men and boys States court, went home to Musko- ker neighborhood, a few miles south- who persist in standing up in the prisoners, in the hope that coneast of this city, in search of farm aisles and elsewhere in the court gress may be induced to take imwork. After having been given em- bouse. On the day mentioned a mediate steps toward needed corployment by different residents of the tall, gaunt darky from Lightning rection. Foreman's drug store, Mr. Strothers neighborhood, and having faithfully, creek persisted in standing in the tho' with little success, tried his hand back part of the room while the trial at nearly the whole category of farm of one of his neighbors for selling terior of the Muskogee jail, and ill believes in quick sales, small profits work, from feeding stock and plowing liquor was in progress. The court ad- a right realistic picture it draws. in the fields to chopping timber n monished the fellow repeatedly, and He dwells with particular force on drug stock to J. L. Beardsley, of Wag- the forest, he fell sick of what proved more than once a bailiff went back oner, and F. B. Mittong, of Muskogee, to be a case of incurable diarrhos, and and sat him down, only to see him after staying with the different neigh-The Indian Progress, of early days bors for some weeks, he made his way catch the gist of the exciting proin this city, started by Dr. E. Poe to the home of Dr. E. B. Frayser, who ceeding going on. At last Judge Harris, afterwards became the Vinita was then engaged in the practice of Thomas called out in a clear voice to medicine. The doctor treated him the marshal to "have that big fellow The Rev. Wm. T. King will preach and he returned to the home of John brought forward," and that the court at Pheasant Hill next Sunday at 3 p. D. Marker, where he remained some would see if a stop could not be put m., and will commence a series of days. During the day time he would to such wanton disobedience of orders. meetings at the same place on the lay around the hay stacks, and it is The trembling colored man was He next comments on the gamsaid stayed over night in the hay on brought forward and given a seat in bling allowed among the prisoners goods, carpets, curtains and millinery.



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In addition to serving as postoffice, in which room is Cook's book store, this building is occupied with a grocery store by T. A. Chandler & Co. Audent of a bank and owns a herd of gust Schliecker has a jewelry store in the same room. In the upper story cattle beside. But for that sidewalk United States Attorney P. L. Soper and his assistant, L. F. Parker, Jr., have their offices, as also have Mellette & Smith, and Jonathan Gore. The build- exposure there is no hope of

Postoffice Building.

PERMIT LAW INOPERATIVE

Such is the Answer of The U. S. Attorney to a Leading Question.

We called upon P. L Soper, United States attorney for this district, yesterday, and asked his opinion as to whether or not any laws of the Cherokee nation could be enforced and if so in what manner. Mr. Soper replied:

"In my opinion there is no question of the right of congress to legislate in such a manner as it may think proper in regard to urisdiction of the United States courts in the Indian Territory. The act of congress approved June 7, 1897, did not repeal any law of the Cherokee nation; it only took Riley occupied the attention of Enquiry was made for some days, but in which to enforce that low. The in which to enforce that law. The United States courts in the terriparents in Kentucky. Then a search tory being statutory courts, howbegan for Oliver Galoway. Those who ever, have jurisdiction to enforce laws as congress shall enact or put in force in the Indian Territory. The very provisions of the act of congress approved June 7, 1897, does not adopt and put in torce any law of any Indian tribe. down and along the streams, the dead It provides that the United States body was found in a little clump of courts in the Indian Territory shall have jurisdiction after January 1, 1898 of all civil controversies thereafter instituted and of all criminal offenses committed in a fair state of preservation, though after January 1, 1898 and that the laws of United States and of the state of Arkansas heretofore put in force in the Indian Territory by acts of congress, shall apply to the persons therein, irrespective of race. That is the substance of peaceful little town of Grove. Now alone, moneyless and friendless. Jim the act which makes it clear that ner is certainly well qualified for the in the Indian Territory should be non-citizens.

> taking the permit law for instance teachers of music in the United there is no forum in which to punish a citizen of the Cherokee nation who would refuse to take out a permit. The remedy only is taken away. It is an anomalous condition I grant, but laws of a foreign jurisdiction cannot be put in force in this jurisdiction. unless adopted specifically by an act of congress. If the Cherokee or any other Indian nation desire upon the approval by the president of the United States, the United States courts in the Indian Territory will enforce them."

MUSKOGEE JAIL.

Members of congress have just Charities Review," a magaz'n published by the Associated Charity organizations of New York. It contains an article by its editor, Dr. Frederick Howard Wines, uncount of a personal inspection, by the author, of the United States iail at Muskogee, Ind Ter., and a discussion of the manner of keeping prisoners in the Indian Territory. It is exceedingly readable, the impressions of the author.

His object is to call the attention of the country to the horrors of the present system, and of the dereliction of the government to provide suitable quarters for the

The first half of the article is the crowded condition of the prisvermin with which the jail is infested, and the manner of serving food. All this is pictured as if the author had derived inspiration from a communion with Dante. The United States recognized the belligerency of a couple of toughs a spell of clear, sunny weather in allow within the prison the practice of the very offense for which men are imprisoned. He dwells leave for market for all the new spring at length upon that prison institution known as" Kangaroo Court" and quotes many of the prison statutes that prevail and the manner of their enforcement. After summarizing and sermonizing, he closes the article with the following strong language:

"My statements with reference to the Muskogee jail will not be disputed by any officer of the jail or court * * * Innocent men beg to be allowed to plead guilty, and late. at the cost of a term in the penitentiary, to escape longer confinement here. Whether the fault is with congress or the department of justice is not clear, but is at Washington and not at Muskogee, as the authorities tell me they have protested. * * * It is with inexpressible mortification to me to write what I have here written, knowing as I do that it will be commented upon in every journal of penalogy and criminal jurisprudence throughout the civilized world, but without complete remedial action."

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THANKS.

lanuary 31st closes the largest business year in my experience. My profits have been small, but I have made money. Not a barrel, nor even half a barrel, but some; enough to satisfy myself and still have the pleasure of knowing that all my hundreds of customers of the last year have also been satisfied.

The immense increase in business in 1897 convinces me that my efforts towards keeping prices down meets the approval of the good people generally. And I wish to say now that next year you will find them even lower than last. Each year my aim is to increase the amount of business. A \$125,000 trade last year means \$150,000 this year. That means more business. To get this we must make low prices. I can promise you that next year you will find me, as in the past, right in the lead, square up to the front, with the lowest prices. An increased profit to me must be made only by an in-

I thank the public generally for the immense business given me last year, and if my prices merit it I hope you will let us figure with you in the future.

W.R. BADGETT.

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SAMMANNANNANNANNANNANNANN

ISS LUCILE FORTNER, the youngest daughter of Dr. B. F. Fortner, of this city, has accepted the principalship of the musical department of the National Female Seminary at Tahlequah. Miss Fortcongress intended that the Indians position. She is a graduate of Willie Haiseli College, this city, and took a course in music at the noted conservasubjeat to the same laws as the tory of music at Cincinnati, Ohio, and also und a year with Chas. P. Gimble Under my view of this matter, at Liberty, Mo., one of the finest Prices Proper.

THE INSIDE TRACK, by Gra-ban Earle's company, is to be the opening bill of our new opera house. February 7. Of the play and company the Chicago Tribune has this to say: "The Bijon opened Sunday to capacity business with 'The Inside Track,' one of Oliver Doud Byron's sensational comedies. The company is headed by Graham Earle and Cora Hammol Earle, who were to have any of their laws enforced | kindly received, and the applause at they must re-enact such laws and true, heartfelt, enthiasiastic style, found nowhere so liberally bestowed found nowhere so liberally bestowed as on the west side. The company is well balanced and give a better production of the piece than the one presenting the same at the Academy two All kinds of Lumber, Sash, years ago."

teceived marked copies of "The Charities Review." a magaz'n stock association meeting at San Antonio last week. Dr. Frayser met Henry McGlasson at San Antonio and says he has gained sixteen pounds since going there. In a short time he der the heading of "A National expects to start on an overland trip, Disgrace." The article is an ac- spending a couple of months in camp and on the road. He does not expect to return to Vinita until about the Tempt the Appetite. first of May. During "Shanghi" Pierce's visit to the convention city he was caught in a jam while entering a street car and a thousand dollar diamond shirt stud snipped off his breast. When he made the discovery people all over Texas could hear him rave. There was a great deal of trading during the convention.

A Successful Enterprise.

The Jumbo store, with the genial E. S. SOUTHERLAND. Dry Goods, Notions, W. T. Wade as proprietor, opened for business August 12th and no larger crowds ever attended the opening of a G. W. Miller store. Mr. Wade secured the services of Mr. A. L. Churchill as manager, and under his direction the business has grown to be second to none in Vinita devoted to a description of the in- or the Indian Territory. Mr. Church and conducts business on the one price basis. The Jumbo occupies the best store rooms in the town, being situated in the new Halsell building. The shape of an L. opening on two streets. The grocery room is an elegant room, second door below the dry goods department. Mr. Wade is personally in

charge of the grocery department. The Jumbo store carries a complete line of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, ladies' and gents' furnishing Their milliner, Miss Hayward, is now east studying the spring styles. novelties. Mr. J. C. Davis, of the Jumbo clothing department, will go with Mr. Churchili and will attend to Oh yes; we keep them. Sew them

the buying of the clothing. The manager of the Jumbo not only believes in advertising, but believes in doing as you advertise. This firm has given away 1500 glass tumblers with a Jumbo blown in them and over

500 bronze Jumbo clocks. It is needless to say that they have had a prosperous business, for like all firms that advertise and do as they advertise they are kept busy early East side M., K. T. track.

There will be a song service at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Haisell College Notes.

-Mr. Sam Chollie, of Tulsa, entered school

risited the college Tuesday. -Willie Halsell coffege now boasts of a cat and dog, and our boarders are daily expecting a canine catastrophe. current number of the Missouri School ournal on the " Vanity of Titles."

One of our lady teachers is reported to

-Miss Lulu Brooks, of the music depart nt, is on the sick list this week. * A Share of the Patronage Solicited. * Leave Calls at -Rev. Mr. King, of the Presbyterian urch, visited the college Monday and made a short talk to the students.

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